

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2016

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:35 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Swiderski, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Meg Walker, Trustee Nicola Armacost (7:45 p.m.), Trustee Daniel Lemons, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Linda Whitehead, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Nineteen (19).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, the following Warrants were approved:

Multi-Fund No. 48-2015-16	\$ 8,578.13
Multi-Fund No. 49-2015-16	\$277,836.54
Multi-Fund No. 51-2015-16	\$ 1,500.00
Multi-Fund No. 52-2015-16	\$ 3,979.33

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Gonder, 153 James Street: Mr. Mayor and Trustees, you do a lot for all the citizens of the Village. For the children, you have nice playgrounds, parks, some other things for them. Young people, you have tennis courts and sports and farmers' markets. Old people, you have some outreach programs, meals in Dobbs Ferry, buses that go to different stores and whatnot. Merchants, you go out of your way, you hire an advocate, you give a lot of free parking over the Jewish and the Christian holidays. And you do not do too much for the veterans. The school board passed a tax discount for all veterans. You delayed it, and you talked about it about a year and a half ago, and it is going to come up with the reassessment of our town taxes. Marianna Drive, people get involved. They come up here. People around Zinsser Park had tree problems and snow we store up there. They get involved, they come up here. The merchants, one merchant came up here and said our Advocate is not doing a good job; I think that was six or seven months ago. We are spending \$30,000 for this

advocate, and he spent some time saying she did not have what it takes. You got \$30,000. These merchants should get a little organized, and you cannot tell them to, supposedly. But they should come up here like a group. We have quite a big crowd here for different reasons, and they do not do anything. They want a gift. And you do not take care of the veterans.

So I hope this year you consider those veterans when this new tax plan comes out. It is going to hurt a lot of the old veterans from the Second World War. We do not have too many left. The Korean War, we have some left. And it is hurting them. They bought the houses 60 years ago and they put improvements and now they cannot afford to fix them up. Last time, I said none of you were on our veterans, but I was thinking of the people that will pass the law, not Mr. Frobel because I know he was in the service. I hope you do something this year.

Jim Metzger, 427 Warburton Avenue: I know the Village has hired an engineer to take a look at the Warburton Avenue Bridge. At the request of Mary Jane Shinsky's office, I took a series of photographs of some of the deficiencies that we have observed and passed that on to her office to present to the other legislators. She is trying to work on that from her end. I wanted to let you know I am happy to pass those along to our engineer if there is a benefit.

Mayor Swiderski: I imagine the answer to that is "please."

David Skolnik, 47 Hillside Avenue: I am reminding you that I am not going away on this. I gave you another free pass for the last two weeks, did not communicate with any of you about the LEDs. But neither did I hear anything back about my complaint and that is not good. I do not know what you are thinking. I am baffled that you think this is going to go away, the personal complaint I have.

As I pointed out last week, I will continue to take notes on the glare issue, keeping in mind that this is now completely distinct from my original revulsion about the color. The color is basically a done deal. The 4,000-k is no longer being addressed. But the glare will continue to be because I find it both offensive and dangerous in many places. But there has been no response to my specific complaint about the glare in front of 35 Hillside, the Quinlans. Why can you not either address it, tell me what is going on, or have the Village Manager tell me what is going on? The fact is we have a village and an infrastructure that has no expertise with regard to this item. There is no one from the Village Manager or, best I can tell, from DPW that has any expertise that could address not just my specific complaint but the questions that I have raised about it without going to the contractor, who has, in documentation, already indicated they do not see the communication with citizens as being their function. We do not have anybody. We are forced to rely on them for all these questions. I find that a disturbing situation. I am going to ask you again to take this seriously and reach out to me. If you are confused about what I am asking make an effort.

Patrick Randolph Bell: Some people have asked me for possibly the Village looking into a stop sign on Southside where it crosses into Washington. Washington comes down, Southside coming from the DPW, people go right through there and you cannot see people because of the way the building is. Some of the drivers have said it is very dangerous. Maybe we could just put something down there at the end of that street.

I would like to bring back student government day. I have mentioned this five different times in the last bunch of years. It just came up on the Hastings Historical Society Facebook blast. I would love to get the high school kids involved once a year. They have a special day; not even just one of the Tuesday meetings. They do it on a Wednesday or something. The land that I live on was bought during one of those days in 1947 or 1948, where the kids, and the trustees stand behind them. It is a great thing. Let us get our high school students and the high school student government involved, and lead them into maybe one day wanting to be one of you guys.

You are going to be discussing the Marianna Drive Uniontown Park trailway path. I took a look at that whole area today. Get the land from Greenburgh if you can, and then we will see what happens in the future. I envision a great parkland down there with some multiple little paths where you have the highlands, you have the marshlands. We could label different trees and bushes of native plants and it would be nice. They have one of these in the little town I grew up in West Redding, Connecticut. It is gorgeous. It could be one of the visions, or highlights, of our village. On one side we have the Vine Squad doing work and fixing that, the Saw Mill River. We can maybe include that, it would be great.

As far as Mr. Skolnik was mentioning about the color of the LED lights, Apple, God knows how many billions of dollars they have, has now decided to include in their new operating system for their phones, in iOS 9.3, something called the "night shift" feature in which it changes white-blue lights that we have, through the day based on what your geolocation is. As it gets darker, it removes the blue lights, it starts putting in more yellow lights. They found that it does mess up people's circadian rhythms, just like we have been mentioning to you for how long before you even passed this. Maybe you should have listened to us and investigated before you spent all this money on one thing.

I wish we would have a place and be more transparent about what the Village is getting for certain projects that we allow outside people to come to the Village and do. We are filming *Divorce*. That TV show is now going to take that parking lot over there and the street across. What is the Village getting from them? How much is it costing, how much money is the Village making to cause issues for some of the neighbors and businesses and commuters for that amount? I would love to see a place where this is what we made from all these projects,

from letting all these TV people come in. I am all for it, I just want to see is it worth it. Are the neighbors happy about it? Do we make enough money for it?

Be a little more transparent. I do not want to FOIA everything. I am done. That was 2015-2014 for me. This is the kinder, gentler PRB this year. I do not want to be FOIA'ing everything. I asked Mr. Frobel for a few things, some paperwork. Of course they are public documents, just the documents for all the other people who did the holiday displays. Their insurance form, whatever they submitted. I said can I get it or do I have to FOIA it? He said you should FOIA it. I do not blame Mr. Frobel. He is saying this is what the Village policy has become, even though I got the same documents last year. Nothing was redacted. I feel bad that Mr. Frobel feels he has to tell me I have to FOIA this now. Let us get a policy together, when people call up for documents that are obviously not going to be redacted to say I will give it to you in about two minutes? It is better for the Village, it is nicer. We will feel more welcome. We will like you more, you will like us more.

Grievance day is coming up. Actually, this is more important. Grievance day is coming up, the free thinkers want to say we have a great time airing your grievances. One more thing that is kind of important, but different.

[time clock beeps]

So thank you to the Village for everything, the Festivus pole and everything. But the boot law, real quick. One of my friends, and maybe you can answer this and this is great for the future. In two weeks I will come back and ask again. The boot law. My friend paid his tickets, was supposed to get the ...

Mayor Swiderski: We have a policy here. Save it for the next time. I am sorry.

Mr. Bell: OK, well, how long does it take. It took him six days, once he paid his boots, to get the boot off.

Mayor Swiderski: You know, I appreciate that.

Mr. Bell: That is all I want you to figure out.

Mayor Swiderski: If we make an exception for you it would have to be for everybody.

Mr. Bell: That is OK. Six days for the boot, how long does it normally take? Fix the policy if we can.

Mayor Swiderski: If you do not sit down you will not be called next week.

Mr. Bell: Interesting. Thank you, sir.

Mayor Swiderski: It is a high school government day idea. It is a fine idea, if it is raised by the school we are happy to entertain it. In terms of Village dollars that we receive for shoots, is it 15-grand a day? What is the daily rate?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: For starters \$4,500 a day in the commercial district.

Mayor Swiderski: And then they contact the expenses for the police and whatever else.

Village Clerk Maggiotto: A lot of other monies are paid in various ways and venues. Residents and businesses are often recompensed for their trouble. They spend a considerable amount of money.

Village Manager Frobel: All our expenses are covered, Mayor.

Mayor Swiderski: In regards to a stop sign at the given location, typically the request should be taken by the people who are interested in to the Safety Council, which is where that starts.

Mr. Bell: Mr. Frobel is right there. I just mentioned it. He is on the Safety Council. Is that OK, or do I have to show up on Thursday?

Village Manager Frobel: I will pass your comment on to the Chief of Police and advise you how to proceed.

Elisa Zazzera, 111 Pinecrest Drive: Many of you have heard about the Algonquin pipeline. While it is not directly in our backyard, it is in Westchester County. It is an expansion of an existing pipeline that pipes gas through the region to shore, to then likely be sold offshore. For two years citizens in the area and about have been fighting this pipeline. FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, rubber-stamped it and they are beginning to cut down trees. Action against this is continuing to happen, as you well know, Mr. Mayor. You wrote a letter of support to a few folks who put themselves in the line to prevent this from happening. I wanted, tonight, to put this as an announcement and give people the website they can get more information. The people are asking that the pipeline stop construction until further testing is done because the safety has not been guaranteed of this pipeline once it is finished or even as it is being built. It is going to pass within 105 feet of the Indian Point nuclear power plant – what could go wrong?

Safety inspections and regulations are important. But given the Paris talks, given the climate issues we are facing today, we must stop increasing our fossil fuel infrastructure. I would like everyone to stand in front of the tractors and say stop increasing fossil fuel infrastructure. For now, we are trying to get the proper t's crossed and i's dotted, which they have not done. If everyone can take five minutes, learn about this, tell their friends to learn about this, visit this website, safe2016.org, this is the main group that is against the pipeline. You can sign a pledge to help prevent this pipeline from going forward, and protect the future for our children and their children. My friend, Ann, will talk some more on this.

Ann Van Buren, 67 High Street: I would like to express my thanks to Susan Rutman, Andy Ryan, Linda Schneider and everyone in the Village who has been working on the issue of the Algonquin pipeline expansion. Just as we began the fight against fracking in New York State at the local level, and thank you for passing a resolution opposing that, I believe that our efforts to stop the Algonquin pipeline expansion will succeed just as soon as people learn of the dangers posed by this project. Just last week, California's governor declared a state of emergency in response to a gas pipeline leak that was acknowledged last October but that has been causing nausea, vomiting and illness in citizens in L.A. County for months before that. Explosions of gas pipelines have caused fires, craters, property damage, and death such in the San Bruno pipeline explosion that killed eight people and had a shockwave multitude of 1.1 earthquake.

The Algonquin pipeline expansion is going on right now, and its route will go right by the Indian Point nuclear power plant. A compressor station that will be built across the river so gas can be transported under the river and up the East Coast for export will spew toxic, carcinogenic fumes in our region. I am grateful that the Board of Trustees is considering a resolution that I and many others have been crafting asking that the Algonquin pipeline expansion stop. I hope that you will review the resolution as soon as possible, though, before the pipeline passes through New York State and we are rendered powerless and before there are any tragic accidents that may occur. I believe the voices of local citizens across the U.S. can stop the development of this dirty fossil fuel-based infrastructure at a time when we ought to be, and are, developing alternative renewable fuels.

Please review the resolution as soon as possible. I say this with much gratitude for your efficiency, responsiveness and goodwill.

Ms. Zazzera: The resolution will be coming to you, hopefully, this week.

Donna Gutkin, 349 Warburton: I am part of a large group of residents who are interested in improving Riverview Park. We have been sharing ideas over the past few years about what could happen there, and some of us are here tonight looking to the Trustees to give us

guidance as to how we can do this in a streamlined fashion with guidelines that we can adhere to and help you help the park see these improvements come to fruition.

Mayor Swiderski: That park is very much on our list that we want to get to, not just this year, but as soon as we can. There has been starts and stops on planning around it over the years. What we need is a short but sustained effort to come to a consensus and then push it through Parks and Rec to have it happen. I would like to have that on our agenda at our next meeting to discuss the process around that. Before that, I would like to talk to Kendra and understand where things are, and lay out something that makes sense. My personal inclination, and I have not shared this with the Board so I hope nobody here winces, is something like a facilitated community meeting, where we have various options, even schematics that are reviewed and then people debate and talk about it. Out of it comes, hopefully, a sense for the community, and if not, decision on how to move forward. I want to get input from the Board at the next meeting, after first talking to Kendra.

Trustee Armacost: I understand the importance of soliciting community views. This has gone on for a really long time, so if we can make a decision quickly everyone will feel well done by.

Mayor Swiderski: That is always a balance, but the intention is to be expeditious about it. A number of ideas and plans have been presented, and we need to review those and go to another round.

Trustee Walker: I am in agreement. We want to move quickly. I am appreciative of the work that has been done by the community group. It is great to have people who are taking ownership of this. But at the same time, we have to understand that it belongs to the Village. If we are going to be putting money from our budget into it we also have to hear from the community as a whole. That is what we need to balance, and we will try to do it as quickly as possible. Do we have a survey? To expedite things, to get a survey done right away might be a good idea.

Village Manager Frobel: When we prepared the grant a few years ago we needed a legal description of it. Let me see what we have.

Trustee Walker: And the topography.

Village Manager Frobel: I know we do not have a topographical survey of the property.

Trustee Walker: Yes, but would that not be helpful?

Ms. Gutkin: Yes, it is very helpful. And especially in terms of the budget you can make a lot of decisions and save money if you know where A and B are.

Mayor Swiderski: All right. If the Village Clerk could have that on our agenda under Board discussion for the next meeting and schedule a time with Kendra to understand the lay of the land.

3:16 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR WATERFRONT BUILDING 52

Mayor Swiderski: Any questions from the Board? This is fairly self-explanatory.

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Wed., Feb. 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the application of the Atlantic Richfield Company for a demolition permit for Building 52 on the former Anaconda Wire and Cable waterfront property.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

4:16 SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING – COMMENTS ON RENEGOTIATED CONSENT DECREE

Mayor Swiderski: It was decided that it was best to break these up into two formal separate hearings for the sake of public record. Any comment?

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Lemons the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Special Meeting for Wed., Feb. 3, 2016 following the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. to accept comments on the renegotiated Consent Decree with Atlantic Richfield.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

Mayor Swiderski: In both of these cases e-mail comments can be sent to board@hastingsgov.org or by U.S. Mail. You can always call it in, but that does not become part of the public record.

5:16 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AUDIT OF JUSTICE COURT

Village Manager Frobel: This is a requirement. It is separate from the audit of our general fund. In the cover letter, the auditors make the positive comment that they have noticed that we have adhered now to the change in the banking procedure, where the judge now reviews and signs all the monthly bank reconciliations. There is still mention in the audit letter about our need to continue on our aggressive pursuit of back parking tickets. We are working on that. From a year ago there is a decline in the amount of outstanding tickets. All in all, it is a good report and the next step now is just simply to pass this on to the state.

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Lemons the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Unified Court System's *Action Plan for the Justice Courts* includes initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records, and

WHEREAS, among the initiatives is increased monitoring of town and village board compliance with Section 2019-1 that requires that town and village justices provide court records and dockets for an annual audit, and that the fact that the audit was conducted be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings, and

WHEREAS, Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., has conducted an audit of the Village Justice Court of Hastings-on-Hudson for the year ended May 31, 2015, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees acknowledge that the required audit has been conducted, and instructs the Village Clerk to forward the audit report and this resolution to the Office of Court Administration.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

6:16 DESIGNATION OF VILLAGE ELECTION DAY AND ELECTION DISTRICT

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Walker the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate Tuesday, March 15, 2016 as General Village Election Day, for the purpose of electing two (2) Trustees for a term of two (2) official years each, and one (1) Village Justice for a term of four (4) official years, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the polls are to be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED: that one Election District is designated, located at the James V. Harmon Community Center, 44 Main Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

7:16 DESIGNATION OF GRIEVANCE DAY

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate Tuesday, February 16, 2016 as Grievance Day, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Board of Assessment Review will meet at such designated time and place for the purpose of completing the Assessment Roll and of hearing and determining complaints in relation thereto.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

8:16 DESIGNATION OF TAX LIEN SALE

Mayor Swiderski: Susan, can you give one minute on what this is?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: At that time, any unpaid taxes are sold as liens on property. The properties are not sold, just the amount of the tax. People come in and bid on them, and pay us the taxes that are due. So for our purposes, our taxes are paid. The lienholder holds the lien, and when the homeowner is ready to pay the taxes he pays the lienholder, not the Village.

Mayor Swiderski: Plus interest.

Village Clerk Maggiotto: Plus interest, yes.

Mayor Swiderski: And is there a fixed interest rate on that? How does that work?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: The maximum is 12 percent a year, but if there is competition to buy these liens, as there has been in the past several years, they bid the interest rate down. It can be very low when you get to the final number. In some cases it is half a percent for the whole year or 1 percent.

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Lemons the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate Tuesday, March 15, 2016, as the Tax Lien Sale date at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

9:16 RETURN OF ACCOUNT AND AFFIDAVIT

Mayor Swiderski: Susan, can you describe what that is?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: The receiver of taxes is required to present to you, on or before February 1, a list of the unpaid taxes for the current tax year. You have before you a list printed out this morning, but when the mail came in we had 18 more payments. It is a moving target. You can see that the number of outstanding payments is only 120, for a dollar amount of \$245,375.97. We sent out letters last week reminding people of their unpaid taxes, and that is why these payments are coming in every day. We will continue to get them. And typically, by the time the tax lien sale comes around in March we have perhaps 20 outstanding.

Mayor Swiderski: And those are the ones that are sold.

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees certify and approve the Return of Account and Affidavit as attached for the Village 2015-16 tax roll.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

10:16 AWARD OF BID – CLEANING SERVICES CONTRACT

Village Manager Frobel: Through our Village Officials Committee every municipality has joined together on a variety of occasions to competitively bid for certain services. In this case, our staff prepared the specifications for our necessary custodial services. We joined with Tarrytown, the only one of our group that was interested in this. We were able to attract six very good firms. They range from a high bid of \$50,000, to the recommended low bid of \$36,000 per year guaranteed for a two-year period. We are very pleased. Coincidentally, the firm that we are looking to have this awarded to currently does the work in Tarrytown and they have been very satisfied with their performance. Staff met with the firm last week, and we are eager to have them begin our custodial services. This represents a savings of about \$9,000 a year for us from what we are paying today.

Mayor Swiderski: Was the last contract done jointly with Tarrytown?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes.

Mayor Swiderski: So Tarrytown also obviously enjoyed a benefit as well.

Trustee Lemons: So the last time was Tarrytown also the only partner in this?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes, it was. That is right.

Trustee Lemons: Why are the other villages not ...

Village Manager Frobel: I think most of them do it in-house with their own personnel rather than an outside contractor.

Trustee Armacost: But you are saying this company worked with Tarrytown in the past but not with us?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes. Currently, they are the firm that Tarrytown is using. We joined with Tarrytown initially about six years ago. We kept our relationship with Guardian Services because they froze their price for us over the past few years.

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Armacost the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson joined with the Village of Tarrytown in preparing specifications for cleaning services for various buildings in each village, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown advertised the bid and six bids were received and opened on January 8, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder is Y.E.S. Enterprises Inc., Cortlandt Manor, New York, for the cleaning of Hastings Village Hall, Police Department, Library, and Community Center, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Hastings-on-Hudson Board of Trustees does hereby award a two-year contract for cleaning services to Y.E.S. Enterprises, Inc. for \$36,000 per year.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Trustee Daniel Lemons	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

Mayor Swiderski: The Village Manager mentioned an entity called the Village Officials Committee. The Village Manager and Mayor from each of the villages of Greenburgh, including the Town of Greenburgh and including a contingent from Sleepy Hollow, meet every five or six weeks on a rotating basis in the various communities. We look for ways to save money by jointly bidding on contracts, coming up with new ideas, jointly facing off against Con Edison or the state on issues as a group. For example, we worked on a hotel tax

that was vetoed by the governor. But things like the pothole killer truck which will be back this winter is an example of a joint bid, as is our asphalt re-paving. We do that as a group, as well. So this is an ongoing effort, where the Mayors cooperate to save money. It has probably been going for 10 years, 12 years.

Trustee Armacost: Do we use that process to buy salt?

Village Manager Frobel: We have a bid with the county. I believe we have a competitive bid, so they bid it for us for all the communities in Westchester.

Mayor Swiderski: But a number of things, including joint purchases of equipment, where possible. And there are bilateral deals done between villages, like ours with Tarrytown. It does not have to involve all the villages. A couple of villages are jointly hiring technical help for computers, as an example. We are not doing that because we have got Raf.

Trustee Armacost: Is there a way to use that vehicle to bid for, or put ourselves forward for, the new competition the governor has initiated relating to consolidations.

Village Manager Frobel: We have a meeting of the Village Officials Committee Thursday evening, and I am certain it will be talked about.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Frobel: There is a group living in the Donald Park neighborhood that is very interested in improving pedestrian safety at the intersection of Ravensdale, Jackson and 9-A. We met last week with DOT officials and Greenburgh officials and the neighborhood to discuss, on-site, what improvements can be made. The DOT heard our comments, taking it back to their offices and looking at what is feasible and practical in that intersection to improve it as per the safety. There will be more over the next several weeks, I am certain.

We continue in our efforts in the LED conversion. We are working with the contractor. There still remain about 25 locations in which the lights need to be converted to the LED. We still have a number of locations to go to with the crew to look at placement of the shields on certain lights or make recommendations as to how the arms can be adjusted to better minimize the intrusion into homes. We are not done with that, by any means. We are already seeing some benefits from our conversion. This last bill, we received a credit of about \$3,600 from Con Ed. I suspect there will be more as we go forward. We are also seeing a reduction in our monthly bill for the same period last year of about \$2,000. That does not reflect the full conversion, but just to give you an idea of what is happening already in terms of our costs.

Trustee Walker: Mr. Skolnik has given you a list of lights to examine. I wanted to make sure those are in the list of the ones you are looking at with the contractor.

Village Manager Frobel: They are, and we have looked at the light in particular that he has pointed out. What we would like to do is coordinate a meeting with our crew at that location at night with him so we can demonstrate, or try to explain to him better, why we believe the light at that location is the appropriate one.

Finally, a note of almost apology, really, to the community that suffered through those portable generators that Con Ed needed to place in two locations in the Village. Con Ed experienced a major transmission feeder line breakdown and had to place those portable generators, one on Mt. Hope and on Ravensdale and one in Yonkers. In the absence of those, a large portion of the community would have had no power at all during this period. It did last longer than we thought. They originally told us by Friday or Saturday of last week they would be removed. My understanding from the company is, they went down and took them out of service today. So it took longer than they had anticipated but, again, certainly an intrusion. It was awful.

And then today, several homeowners suffered an interruption in their water service. A water main broke, I understand, as part of the Reynolds Field project. So they were inconvenienced without any domestic water for several hours today.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Sidewalk on Hillside from Rosedale to Farlane

Village Manager Frobel: I have presented the Board with copies of a second rendition of the proposed sidewalk installation along Hillside. This reflects what you heard at your last meeting in terms of modification that you would like to see from the plans.

We are still looking to install about 400 feet of 4-foot wide concrete sidewalk and curbing along a portion of Hillside Avenue from where it currently ends at the intersection of Farlane and the pool access road to Hillside near Rosedale. Since our last meeting we have offered some improvements at the top of Hillside Avenue where Farlane comes in. Right now, there is a concrete pipe that is under the roadway here that captures water from the stream coming down from the pool. Our idea is to make some improvements at this location where we can capture the water coming down Farlane and Hillside, capture it there with a concrete swale, some kind of a channel with riprap, that would prevent the rainwater from continuing down Hillside.

There is also an opening here just past where the no-parking sign is on Hillside. It is concrete. I call it a little swale. We are looking to improve upon that where we can again capture the water before it reaches the catchbasin at the end of the street. Our goal is to continue to grab rainwater before it gets down to the homes down here. So another effort will be made here. We also would have the existing driveway at 81 Hillside. There would be a driveway cut here allowing them to access their property. It continues down. The goal is to have the new sidewalk constructed in what is now a roadway. The object was to take it off the edge of the pavement and off the existing property down here, with a goal of minimizing any potential damage to the existing large, mature trees.

The 4-foot sidewalk would continue down to just about where the fire hydrant is. At that point, it would leave the paved area, jump back into what is now an earthen path, and continue to link up to the existing sidewalk on Hillside. We do recommend that there is a medium-sized dead tree in this area that should be removed, as well as a few smaller trees along here that probably should go at the same time. Other than that, I think we have captured what we heard at the last meeting. Again, our goal is to preserve the mature trees, offer to the pedestrians a safe passage up to the pool and up to the pool. The recommendation would be to allow on-street parking where it exists today. There is no parking from a certain point up the hill forward; that would remain unchanged. The landscape architect engineers believe there are sufficient travel lanes to allow the parking on the street as it exists.

Trustee Apel: Could you indicate on the map where the current sidewalk is? That is what is confusing here. If I understand correctly, you are going to use some of the area where some of the sidewalk is already, and you are expanding it? Or are you moving totally out into the road?

Village Manager Frobel: No.

Mayor Swiderski: For the most part, totally out.

Village Manager Frobel: Ninety percent, 75 percent is on existing pavement. It is only when we get down here to the catchbasin and the fire hydrant do we get back onto what is now an earthen path and continue the sidewalk to link up to the existing sidewalk.

Male Voice: Who owns the property where you are talking about going back under the earth?

Village Manager Frobel: We believe that is within the right of way. The idea is, if we did continue on the existing path near 81 Hillside we would run the risk of damaging those mature trees. We would rather avoid that.

Mayor Swiderski: One of the requests that at least a couple members of the Board had, and that does include me, was maintaining the width to the adjacent sidewalk, which I do not think is 4 feet. I think it is 3 feet and change.

Village Manager Frobel: It is 3 feet 10 inches.

Mayor Swiderski: Is it really?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes. I have measured it in several locations. Our idea is to winnow it down to reach that. In other words, it is a 4-foot sidewalk until we get there, and then have it match up as close as possible to the 3-foot 10 inch.

Carol Ettinger, 81 Hillside Avenue: For the last two weeks, believing that what this Board was going to put in place my husband and I would no longer have parking space in front of our house. Marge Apel said no, that never was part of the issue. But we knew it was part of the issue because Mr. Frobel called us the night before this meeting to tell us. I am still confused. Where is the sidewalk going to be in front of our house?

Village Manager Frobel: It is going to be in the roadway. We are going to be giving up a portion of the roadway to construct the sidewalk.

Ms. Ettinger: Oh, that is brilliant, when there is a perfectly good sidewalk next to it that has been used for years.

Village Manager Frobel: But in answer to your question, the Board heard you at the first meeting and they are looking to continue with the on-street parking, to allow you to have the on-street parking.

Mayor Swiderski: We are not taking away the parking.

Ms. Ettinger: But where are we going to park?

Male Voice: Parking is being allowed. That is the new wrinkle.

Village Manager Frobel: Right.

Ms. Ettinger: Even though the sidewalk is outside of the ...

Male Voice: How can you do that?

Village Manager Frobel: WE marked the pavement. You saw the white marks. That would be, physically, where the sidewalk would be.

Ms. Ettinger: No, I am talking about what are you going to do with all the traffic that goes by the house: buses in the morning, huge delivery trucks. It is not going to fit.

Village Manager Frobel: The idea is to continue with a 24-foot paved area for travel.

Ms. Ettinger: Are you doing this project to make the sidewalk just perfectly the same wherever you step? Some if cannot be a little narrower than the other, just like it is all the way down the length of Hillside Avenue? It goes anywhere to 48 to 24, the difference. You are trying to get this sidewalk just to be a perfect measurement.

Village Manager Frobel: I know your note indicated it varies in different locations. But in answer to your question, yes, it would be uniform.

Trustee Walker: You pointed out, Fran, also that the existing sidewalk which is basically asphalt, narrower, that is not the 3, 10 you were talking about. You were talking about Hillside, right?

Village Manager Frobel: Right.

Trustee Walker: The asphalt is about 3 feet wide. And you said if we were to widen it to meet code, or to rebuild it out of concrete, that might threaten those trees. That is what the landscape architect thought.

Village Manager Frobel: That is his opinion.

Trustee Walker: But by putting the sidewalk out into the street, the landscape architect feels it is easier to protect the trees.

Village Manager Frobel: Yes.

Trustee Walker: OK. So that is the tradeoff.

Ms. Ettinger: I do not think my car will be safe out in the road. How can my car be safe out in the road outside? How wide is this new perfect sidewalk going to be?

Village Manager Frobel: Four feet.

Ms. Ettinger: Four feet? Four feet? Hardly any of the sidewalks down the whole length of Hillside Avenue are 4 feet. You measured them all, did you find many that were 4 feet?

Village Manager Frobel: Some. It varies.

Trustee Walker: Carol, part of the problem is that when we build a new sidewalk we have to meet code.

Ms. Ettinger: Why do you not just repair the sidewalk we already have, wind it around?

Trustee Walker: We would have to widen it. As soon as we start to ...

Ms. Ettinger: Even if you widened it, it would be better than putting it out in the street.

Trustee Walker: In widening it, the landscape architect fears we might damage the trees.

Ms. Ettinger: I want to know what are you going to have on the road side of the sidewalk between the edge of the sidewalk that is sticking out into the road. What is going to be there?

Village Manager Frobel: Concrete curb.

Ms. Ettinger: Have you ever walked down any street in Hastings on a sidewalk that did not have a little grassy barrier between your sidewalk and the curb? That is what a sidewalk is. It has a little grassy area, 2 feet wide sometimes.

Village Manager Frobel: That is typical.

Ms. Ettinger: You are not going to have that? So you are going to have the sidewalk here, the kids walking here, and the cars going right here. Do you know that is what you are going to be doing? This car is going to be right next to you.

Mayor Swiderski: No, there will be parked cars there.

Ms. Ettinger: But on the days our car is not parked. A car drives right along the curb.

They are going to have to with narrowing the street. And now they are going to have 4 feet less. School buses, big trucks.

Mayor Swiderski: What will be the situation at the driveway?

Village Manager Frobel: It will be a concrete curbcut. You would have the sidewalk, an opening, and probably a few feet of concrete into the property to ease the transition.

Trustee Walker: So it is like an apron of concrete so it is a gradual transition for the sidewalk and the cars.

Village Manager Frobel: Yes.

Kevin Ettinger, 81 Hillside Avenue: We understand how, on the hill, sidewalks are going to be put and that is fine. On the flat part of Hillside leading to the intersection with Rosedale, was the present sidewalk ever considered? The sidewalk in front of our house, and then the empty part in front of the mystery owner?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes, it was. But the fear was that by installing it there we run the risk of damaging the trees.

Mr. K. Ettinger: But could you not just improve the concrete that was there, without ...

Village Manager Frobel: It means tearing it out, reforming it and pouring. It is not as simple as that. There is a risk that the roots are so exposed already that any disturbance of the soil there could cause you to lose the trees, in time.

Trustee Walker: The sidewalk is usually at least a foot deep so you have to dig out, you have to excavate, in order to pour a new sidewalk because you have to put a special base in, foundation for a sidewalk. So that could damage the roots. Whereas building out in the street ...

Mr. K. Ettinger: The present sidewalk was not acceptable.

Trustee Walker: If we are doing a new sidewalk we have to build it 4 feet wide is the problem. We wanted to make it more continuous with the new sidewalk up the street.

Mr. K. Ettinger: Why is 4 foot required, since very few sidewalks, many sidewalks, are not 4 foot. Are they all going to be ...

Trustee Walker: I think it is ADA.

Village Manager Frobel: The New York DOT is a 5-foot sidewalk, but the landscape architect says we are acceptable with the 4-foot.

Male Voice: So there is no code. You can make it up on the fly?

Village Manager Frobel: The New York Department of Transportation standards are 5 foot, but for a local sidewalk we can get by with a 4-foot.

Mr. K. Ettinger: And what about present sidewalks that are not 4 foot? What is going to happen to them?

Village Manager Frobel: When and if they are improved upon they would have to be wider.

Trustee Walker: Part of the problem, though, is not just the width of it. It is the condition of it. It crumbly in some places and disappears on other places. In order to do this properly and encourage people to walk on it we need to have a ... I do not know. I am curious about other Boardmembers think. We could just not build the sidewalk and leave it, that segment of the sidewalk, and save money. But the problem is, it is just not that walkable.

Mr. K. Ettinger: And yet people are using it today and we have used it for years. It seems to me putting the new sidewalk out into Hillside Avenue is less safe than the current sidewalk, if it was improved.

Ms. Ettinger: And where are you going to put the cars when they go by every day driving their children up to school and going up to the pool area to park and let them up the hill? We have watched this maneuvering of the cars and it is rather admirable. Our cars are parked there, they are coming around this corner, that corner and they are coming down the hill and they are going up the hill. And there are two cars parked across the street, and the man up at the house up on the hill are diagonally opposite us. They are sticking out into the road, nobody hits each other. And you are going to add 4 feet of sidewalk, right? Good luck.

Mr. Skolnik: I am doing this for your own good so it does not all seem like your own family is the only one challenging this. Let me ask when the Board received this updated document. When I looked online at the link for this meeting it was the same previous document. How much it would cost me to get a copy of that so I could actually see it.

Trustee Armacost: Here, you can have my copy, Mr. Skolnik.

Mr. Skolnik: I cannot tell whether this is more architecturally accurate than the previous document or whether this is still not to scale. It challenging for somebody who is not used to looking at documents like this, even if it is to scale, to grasp how much sidewalk there will be, how much room there will be. I went to the site and saw a chalk mark there. But it was hard to tell, even then, what the significance of a sidewalk in that position would be. One of the concerns raised is about the cars driving by or the safety of kids walking on the sidewalk. Admittedly, further down the street there would presumably be cars, or a car, parked there. But I cannot tell from this how far up at the top where there is no parking, and yet there will still be that sidewalk. So the concern about the proximity of walkers directed towards traffic is a legitimate one.

Village Manager Frobel: We have a series of photographs we took. Maybe that would help some of the conversation.

Trustee Apel: I am finding it a little difficult. It is small, these little lines. It is confusing to people looking at a drawing like this, where the curb is. From what I understand, the 4-foot wide sidewalk is going to be totally in the street.

Village Manager Frobel: It is going to be in the area that is currently paved, yes.

Trustee Walker: Except for a portion down near Hillside.

Trustee Apel: Except for down here, OK. So I understand that. And that is to avoid the trees. If we had people that said they wanted to take down the trees you would not have this problem, but you want to save the trees. We are trying to balance everything. We are trying to save the trees, we are trying to build a safe, approved sidewalk for the children and adults to walk on. It has to be a certain width because if someone has a baby carriage or is in a wheelchair we have to make it so that they can use it. Once we touch it we are responsible for following all the rules and regulations. So we are trying to balance everybody's needs. I would hope, if it is built, that the children that are going up and down from the school are going to be told that they must walk on the sidewalk. That is not going to happen. This was the concern that people want for their kids. We are trying to balance everything. Again, I still think the best way is if we would have a field trip there again. I am sorry to make that happen again. We could all meet with the chalk and go it one more time.

Andy Ettinger, 10 Maple Avenue: What is the plan for parking on the stretch past the driveway of 81 Hillside Avenue? Are you going to have a sidewalk sticking out and parking?

Village Manager Frobel: No, no parking.

Trustee Apel: So at that point, it is going to come into the road?

Mayor Swiderski: You are going to go straight ahead.

Trustee Apel: Go straight ahead into the road.

Mayor Swiderski: Curve around.

Trustee Armacost: Can we move on so we can see the curve?

Village Manager Frobel: All right. As the Mayor pointed out, this is where the new sidewalk would link up with the existing. That measurement there, as I said, is about 3 foot 10 inches, so almost 4 foot at that point of the sidewalk. As you can see here, some uneven ground in here where it gets muddy. And we have got broken curbing along here as well. That would be part of the replacement. Here is a series of those four trees I talked about that are at that area near where the sidewalk would link up with existing. Recommending those be removed.

Male Voice: The people that would walk near the sidewalk they always walk actually towards where it is overgrown, to the right there. That is where the sidewalk should be.

Trustee Apel: Well, we are going to take down the trees there. OK, then?

Village Manager Frobel: This indicates that medium-size tree, one of the larger trees that we think should be removed. It is pretty dead. That one probably should go.

This shows you close to where the sidewalk would leave from the paved area today onto that earthen path that I described. It would be before the catchbasin. There is a hydrant just over here. From here, it would jog into that area and pick up the earthen path. The catchbasin stays right where it is.

Trustee Walker: It jogs after the catchbasin, OK.

Mr. Skolnik: May I make a comment on this photo? I am no engineer, but it seems to me that if you have the water flow out 4 feet at that point it is going to miss the catchbasin entirely.

Village Manager Frobel: The jog is further back here. It is not right at this. We are just trying to show you how it would look, but it is going to catch the water that comes out and be channeled into that.

Mr. Skolnik: It would be good to have an engineer state that.

Village Manager Frobel: It is on the plans, David. It is on the drawings.

This is the catchbasin that discharges, I think on the next slide, showing the stream between the two homes.

Ms. Ettinger: And then what is it going to do, stop and people have to walk past the sewer?

Village Manager Frobel: It is going to transition from the pavement to the curb onto the path up here.

Mayor Swiderski: It is not going to be a right turn like that.

Village Manager Frobel: No, it is not as severe as that. It will be a gradual transition from that paved area onto that earthen path.

Trustee Walker: It angles gently over the length of 10 feet.

Ms. Ettinger: Above the original curve you are going to put a pathway?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes.

Ms. Ettinger: And then go back and to the street again?

Male Voice: Is there going to be anything here?

Village Manager Frobel: No, that is just to show you the distance, approximately 4 feet, from the curb to where it would be.

Male Voice: That is traffic and pedestrians. There will be nothing except the curb between the pedestrian and the trafficway.

Mayor Swiderski: And parked cars.

Trustee Armacost: I think there is debate. I know we received at least one e-mail about whether the width of the road will allow parked cars from a family that is not the Ettinger family. There were some other people who had some concerns about that. Have you had a chance to measure that, Fran, to be sure?

Village Manager Frobel: I brought that to the attention of the architect. The original plan was to eliminate parking on the street. But if want to try to accommodate on-street parking, the engineer says there is about 24 feet.

Trustee Walker: I thought 28 feet, right?

Village Manager Frobel: We would be able to maintain a 24-foot paved travel lane and the sidewalk, which should be sufficient for two cars to pass.

Trustee Walker: Twenty-four feet for the two lanes of traffic, and then 4 feet for the sidewalk.

Trustee Armacost: Where is the parking there?

Trustee Lemons: The drawing is 25 feet to the curb. The sidewalk is 4 feet beyond that.

Trustee Walker: Twenty-eight feet to the curb, yes. You usually have 8 feet for parking and 10-foot travel lanes.

Trustee Lemons: That is 28 feet, so that is what they are maintaining. Then up towards the top, where there is no parking, it is at 26 feet, which is needed because of turning.

Trustee Apel: People have to remember, in my recollection and I do not live there so I do not know, I do not ever remember passing anybody on the road. It is usually one person going up and one person going down. Everyone is sort of in the middle of the road, anyway.

Trustee Armacost: No, I have passed many people on that road. And it is particularly near the island.

Trustee Apel: That area, but that is not what we are dealing with. We are dealing with going up that road, and that road very rarely do you see cars passing each other.

Trustee Armacost: I do not know, I have seen quite a few parking ...

Mr. A. Ettinger: As Meg Walker pointed out, if it ain't broke don't fix it. People just slow down and they maneuver it. I do not think that is a big deal. It can be busy sometimes. But my question is, I asked you Mayor Swiderski, about who are you going to hire to do the job that Eberlin & Eberlin has drafted. You told me you are not going to have anything to do with the current contractor that is mangling Reynolds Field. That is the biggest concern at

this point because we do appreciate all the concern you are taking about the trees, et cetera. But what is going to happen, who is going to do this job? That remains to me the big issue. I hope some care would be taken to avoid these clowns that are doing what they do. They decided as per a sidewalk factor on Chauncey, to cut down trees that they determined were dangerous. We understand you are bending over backwards and that is great. But that remains a concern. I hope a lot of care is taken with who you hire and the instructions they are given.

Mayor Swiderski: Let us finish the description of the pictures.

Village Manager Frobel: Those are the trees that we are so concerned about.

Ms. Ettinger: What is going to happen to it?

Village Manager Frobel: Nothing. That is why we do not want to have the sidewalk go here.

Ms. Ettinger: But what is dazzling me is, my house is going to have two sidewalks in front of it. Why do you not just add to our sidewalk up beyond that second tree? Why are we going to have two sidewalks in front of the house?

Village Manager Frobel: If the Board would agree, one suggestion I was going to make was have this landscaped and make this your lawn again because there would be no need to keep it the way it appears.

Ms. Ettinger: No, we are slow about doing anything outside the house. We have enough trouble doing everything inside the house, with all the kids that went through the building.

Village Manager Frobel: That was one thought. That if we were going to abandon this we would look at having that as part of the program to have it restored.

Trustee Walker: If it can be done in a sensitive way it actually might help the trees.

Village Manager Frobel: We have got the standards for the engineered soil.

Trustee Lemons: Fran, will that be part of the bid to take care of that? That is important if you are going to get rid of that cover.

Village Manager Frobel: Yes, to clean it up and take away any concrete or asphalt remaining, topsoil brought in and restore it. That would be my recommendation.

Ms. Ettinger: I am still concerned about the width of the road. The sidewalk, I am going to be parked in the middle of the road, really, outside the curb, the new sidewalk. I would like to see who would take over my car insurance because somebody is going to hit the car.

Trustee Walker: We talked the last time about putting cones out there where the future parking lane will be. Is that possible to do Can we get people to not park?

Trustee Armacost: That is an important idea. When you have roads which are exactly the minimum size it looks good and then you end up having problems later. It has certainly been brought up in cities like London with minute roads. It is important to test it out in some way that does not involve having done a construction project first.

Village Manager Frobel: We thought the white lines would give you a good indication.

Trustee Walker: But you need to have the cars parked outside the white lines to get the real effect.

Village Manager Frobel: OK.

Trustee Walker: Then, Fran, if you can let everybody know when we can go and take a look at it.

Village Manager Frobel: It could be as early as tomorrow. We will move on that right away.

Mayor Swiderski: Let us finish here.

Village Manager Frobel: That is where that catchbasin discharges. It goes between the two homes there into the stream. And that is the hill where you have got the no-parking now, and the curb. We would replace that. There would still be no parking on the top of the hill as you approach Farlane. This is the top, Farlane, the pool drive and Hillside come together. There is the concrete pipe I referenced. The thought is to make a concrete swale opening there which would capture that rainwater that would sheet-flow, ordinarily, down Hillside into the homes so we could capture that and channel it into that stream.

Trustee Walker: One other thought about the concrete swales. One of the latest best practices in stormwater management is to create vegetative swales that could absorb some of the water before it goes into the stream. The landscape architect probably knows how to do that. I do not know that it can be done here.

Mayor Swiderski: There is quite a bit of volume of water here.

Trustee Walker: There may be too much volume of water, but it is worth asking because it takes out a lot of the sediment and turbulence before it hits and it reduces the amount of water in the stream. Where it is high-volume you cannot do that, but if it is low-volume it will help to reduce it. Landscape architects are very interested in green streets infrastructure.

Mr. Gonder: Mr. Mayor, the photograph in front of Ettinger's home has the existing sidewalk. That has to come out. It had to be in your contract.

Mayor Swiderski: We just discussed that.

Mr. Gonder: You do not expect people to shovel two sidewalks.

Ms. Ettinger: I am not shoveling this new sidewalk. That is a good question.

Mr. Skolnik: No, but it is not good enough because I am up here now. I am not relinquishing space again, sorry. Can anyone else who wants a copy of this get it?

Trustee Apel: I have another copy.

Trustee Armacost: I have one, too, that people are welcome to have.

Mayor Swiderski: Typically we do not make them available broadly. They are available online.

Mr. Skolnik: You did not answer the question whether this is now the one that is linked to the meeting notice. When I went to look a day or so ago it was the old one. Secondly, it is virtually illegible. You have to blow it up enough so you are either seeing a detail or you are seeing the overview. But is not the same experience, as anybody who has to deal with maps can say. I understand if it is typical, but you have a situation here where people are being asked to visualize and discuss something in some detail. I may be the only one who wanted this but I would like to know other people can get it.

Mayor Swiderski: We will have a copy at the library for people to take a look at.

Trustee Lemons: Just to point out, one of the deceptive things about a schematic like this, it is not to scale and it not fitting at all the actual topography there. You have to use a lot of imagination to interpret that.

Trustee Walker: Well, it is to scale.

Trustee Lemons: No, it is not.

Trustee Armacost: It is not to scale.

Trustee Walker: What do you mean it is not to scale? It says 1 inch equals 20 feet.

Trustee Lemons: That is a schematic.

Trustee Walker: But it is 1 inch equals 20 feet. That is the curb detail that is not to scale. Only the curb detail, the plan is to scale.

Village Manager Frobel: Those are getting closer to contract documents. That is what we would bid, the drawings.

Trustee Walker: It says 1 inch equals 20 feet on the plan.

Mr. Skolnik: All right. But as Trustee Lemons said, it is hard to visualize.

Trustee Apel: Well, we keep saying that.

Mr. Skolnik: I am not done. Please sit down, I am not done. I am just trying to make some points.

Mayor Swiderski: David, finish your points.

Mr. Skolnik: What we do not have is any real data as far as the use. A lot of things have been said about the danger, a lot of things have been said about the constituency for this project. But we have never determined that X number of kids currently use this walkway to get up to Hillside, as distinct from the usage it gets during the summer when we are talking about traffic going up to the pool. It is similar, but not the same constituency. Or were this project to be done as you are describing, what the expected increase in the usage would be. Trustee Walker mentioned about the section of path that is between the ending of the current sidewalk and the Ettingers. If we do something, then it has to be done as per a certain code. But is there some remediation of the existing path that could be done, not necessarily laying down concrete, but improving it without the code requirements kicking in. That is something I have not heard addressed, and I think it is warranted. Are you taking a vote or making a decision today, or will the process continue to allow further thought or input?

Mayor Swiderski: What would you recommend for the timeline?

Village Manager Frobel: I view this as work sessions with the Board and staff and the public to gather input. I report back to the engineer and architect to help me. We will probably have another rendering. I will come to you and ask you if we can put this out to bid to get some prices. We have an estimate for the original design. I am sure things have changed now with these modifications. But late spring, early summer maybe see this work accomplished?

Mayor Swiderski: Whenever you have the next draft back you would seek approval for going out to bid.

Village Manager Frobel: That is all. Then we would come back to you with the bids and make a recommendation whether we should award it or it was too expensive and does not meet what you want.

Dan Sbrega, 57 Hillside Avenue: I want to thank you for taking this seriously and for handling this in the thoughtful manner you have. The Ettinger family did not want to see their trees or their parking messed with. Mr. Skolnik was worried about drainage. And everybody else wanted a sidewalk. You have addressed every issue. Thank you.

Trustee Lemons: When that sidewalk goes in it is going to intersect Farlane and we need a crosswalk there.

Village Manager Frobel: Yes, stripe that so they know to walk up to the pool that way.

Ms. Ettinger: During the past two weeks you put a chalk mark on the road. How far out from the original curb was that mark? Four feet?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes.

Ms. Ettinger: I was going to measure it out and then park my car out there.

Village Manager Frobel: That is the maximum it would be out. We are going to measure from the far side of the curb. So we may be a little closer to the stream, off the pavement a little. We are trying to push it as far as we can, practically, over to that side.

Ms. Ettinger: In front of our house you could put a new sidewalk there. You would have a wider road. You should make use of what is already there. We are going to have two sidewalks in front of our house.

Mayor Swiderski: And we are going to try to address that.

Trustee Lemons: It is also an issue of digging down. You are going to be down 12 inches, you are going to get into the roots of those trees.

Trustee Apel: I do want to make a comment about that, that the roots are not only going towards the house. They are under that road because the length of the roots are double the size at the height of the tree. It is under the road so no matter where we go with this we are going to be digging down and we have to be very careful. It may be that when we dig down and go out in the middle of the road it may not be the best place. I do not know.

Eileen Quinlan, 39 Hillside Avenue: I just want to confirm the next step, Mr. Frobel. You are now going to put cones where the parked cars will be allowed so we will be able to see how the two lanes up and down Hillside go.

Village Manager Frobel: We are going to try to have a car parked where people will be allowed to park once the new sidewalk is put.

Trustee Walker: And we can all try to drive it, see how it fees.

Mr. Metzger: Section 18.6.5 of the Pedestrian Facility Design in New York State calls for a minimum 4-foot wide sidewalk. The federal highway, as Mr. Frobel said, would prefer a 5-foot. But it is at the discretion of the community to go down to 4 foot. That is typically exclusive of the curb, which is typically 6 inches. But my question is, in the area of sidewalk that may not be in front of somebody's property who in the Village is going to be responsible for maintaining that: in the fall, clearing of wet leaves, in winter clearing of snow and ice. We have an issue in this village of short sections of sidewalk that belong to the Village that are flanked by people's private homes, and those sections tend to have a hard time getting cleaned in the winter. That forces pedestrians out into the street, which is what we are trying to avoid. I want to make sure we have a plan in place to deal with that issue.

Village Manager Frobel: It is the homeowner's responsibility directly in front of their home, and the Village will have to address those sections where it is either questionable or our property.

Ms. Ettinger: Would you consider instead of pushing it all out in the street in front of our house taking the room between the driveway and the entrance to our home, using that stretch in there and put the sidewalk where it belongs?

Trustee Armacost: Are you suggesting that the sidewalk is on your property? Is that what you are offering?

Village Manager Frobel: The new sidewalk on your property is what you are suggesting?

Ms. Ettinger: I mean instead of having a sidewalk, a grassy thing, the curb, then a sidewalk and a curb. Could you put this new sidewalk where our old sidewalk is, in front of the hedge before you get to the driveway?

Village Manager Frobel: Well, that would damage the trees. That would run the greatest risk. Am I understanding this?

Trustee Apel: Can you put the picture back up, please?

Ms. Ettinger: Right beyond this tree is a sidewalk that goes from here to the end of the hedge. I do not know what that tree is. You could put the sidewalk in there instead of out here. You could bring it here and move it in. It would be a curb. At some point, we repaired it. I do not know why this was not done. You have to plump it up because of the roots. It is not perfect. People go by there all the time. Carriages go by there. That could accommodate the roots.

Mr. A. Ettinger: Why do you not make it a little more narrow? See where the white car is? I appreciate all the concern about the trees. But I think it is ironic that, as you said, this is likely to ruin the trees considering how low they are going to have to go down. Which is why this is an overkill project. With regard to Mr. Metzger's pointing out the requirements, the implication as we have begun to try to make a discussion of sidewalks more general, is that many of our spaces that need sidewalks do not have that margin outright. If that is the restriction, then we need to understand that from the outset as we begin to have more of these sidewalk discussions. I would like to know, as much as I respect Mr. Metzger, that there is not any provision for a community like this of a workaround, and if so, then it does lend itself to the possibility with regard to this project. I would like to know that there is some part of this process, going forward, that will still be receptive to some further discussion, including the drawings that come forward and can be responded in a timely way by concerned people.

Mayor Swiderski: Well, we have been tweaking this particular solution now, and there will be a couple more from today's. I am not sure. This iterative process eventually comes to an end, and another iteration seems about right. Anything more from the Board?

2. Marianna Drive/Uniontown Park Trailway Path

Village Manager Frobel: After our last Board meeting, in which we talked about Uniontown Playground and how we can safely get pedestrians from Marianna Drive to Uniontown Park and avoid the tension of some of the neighbors on Oxford that voiced concern about intruding onto their property, we went out with our crew and grubbed out a path that will get you from point A to point B. It will avoid the need to acquire or to accept from Greenburgh with conditions the small sliver of land which the town is offering and still address the concerns I just talked about: staying away from neighbors on Oxford, a safe route for the youngsters, and one that we think is low maintenance and one we can build with our own crew.

Trustee Walker: Was this based on surveys? How did you know where the property lines are?

Village Manager Frobel: I do not think this one is in dispute because this is almost dead center, but well within our boundaries of the park. This began with that problem where we assumed where the property line was and gave the homeowner permission to contract with a private concern to improve upon an existing path. That was a mistake on our part because we made assumptions that proved not to be accurate. We feel much more comfortable about it. There is no question that we are closer to the center of our property than we were before.

Supt. Garrison: Correct. As you see here, the blue line is on the backside of the batting cage. This is the start of the trail coming from Uniontown. This a view looking up. We walk down the hill, and as you can see it is a little bit steep but there are plans to tier it so it is easy access to the top. You are standing at the bottom, and Fran turned around and took a picture looking up there. This is from behind everybody. We are walking down that same view that you just saw. Now we are heading towards Marianna Drive. We cleared the leaves off to the side. You will see where we placed some sticks around the side. That is close to Marianna Drive so we turned around and took a picture of where we cleared there. We went out and very quickly raked it so we get an idea. We would fix that up so it is a little wider and better access.

Trustee Armacost: And you might take out some of the weed trees out?

Supt. Garrison: There is probably only one very tiny one that would have to be removed. This is the back of Marianna Drive so the path starts here. Greenburgh's property is up in here where the rocks are. Back here where this fence is is where the old path used to go. We would come here and then jut down and around on our own property.

Village Manager Frobel: So the Greenburgh property would have been difficult to navigate and it would have taken more work than what you are proposing.

Mayor Swiderski: What do the neighbors think?

Village Manager Frobel: Those in attendance were very positive. We had asked word to spread among them, those that could not attend, to look at it over the intervening two weeks and I have not seen any negative comments.

Mayor Swiderski: It is essentially raked out, so informally it can already be used.

Village Manager Frobel: Oh, yes.

Trustee Armacost: Are the children already using it? Are there any stories? Is it too steep?

Supt. Garrison: There is a steep part which is right in the beginning there. We wanted to bring it to the Board first before we did any work on it. It goes up here but the idea would be to tier it creating steps so that is not so difficult to navigate for the kids.

Toby Linder, 13 Marianna Drive: That was my one concern when I heard about the revamp plan for the path. I have a t fourth grader who plays the saxophone. It is heavy. I was concerned that it would be a little too steep. This, hopefully, is included.

Village Manager Frobel: Kendra has some good idea to kind of step that up. If we went with the property Greenburgh was donating it would have been more of a climb for anyone.

Mr. Gonder: I am sorry. How many yards is it to the batting cage? A football field, two fields? Because is someone going to maintain it in the winter? Kids will slide around.

Village Manager Frobel: It did not get maintained before when there was a trail.

Mr. Gonder: I was curious because I would hate them to come down to Tompkins and James Street.

Supt. Garrison: Right. There are some neighbors that are willing to help maintain the path, especially during the wintertime. I know she is standing behind you.

Nicole Dimnet, 18 Marianna Drive: My husband loves shovels and has a seasonal job so is, without a doubt, volunteering. I have a fifth grader and a third grader so for the next X

years they will be using this path to go back and forth to school. He would love for them to be walking and, in the meantime, there is nothing left on my property for him to dig so this would be wonderful for him if he wants to do that. I told Kendra he is definitely going to do it, and I know there are some other neighbors.. There is definitely some interest on the street, as well, to help maintain the path for the kids.

Trustee Armacost: What is your view of this proposal and design?

Ms. Dimnet: This is great. Anything to avoid Tompkins and James is fantastic. There is that dell, though, that does get a little filled with water, so that is a concern.

Trustee Armacost: Where is the dell? Did we see it?

Supt. Garrison: It is something they did make us aware of. Come springtime, we need to see where the water is flowing.

Ms. Dimnet: It has been hard because there was not a lot of rain so there was nothing there and it was not muddy. Now we have had this rain and my husband had grand ideas of a little wooden bridge. He would be happy to work with Kendra if that is what they wanted.

Supt. Garrison: We just have to see where the water flows before we can do it, and get a sense of everything there.

Trustee Apel: I think this is wonderful if the children and the parents are happy with this path and if we can find ways to embellish it and make it a little better. I do recommend, though, you do remove some of those little trees. Those little trees become big trees, and we do not want to hear about it that years from now we have to rip down this big tree. So let us rip down all the little ones and make it wider and put little trees maybe to mark the path.

Trustee Armacost: Kendra, we have a lot of soon-to-be Eagle Scouts in the Scouting troop. This is a perfect Eagle Scout project, including even building the bridge. There was an Eagle Scout who did a wonderful job in refurbishing the bridge near the marshland in Sugar Pond. If that is at all interesting to the community please let me know and I will pass it on to the Scout leadership because those boys always want solid projects that are going to have lasting value in the community.

Trustee Lemons: I walked this path and I think these children have got the nicest walk to school. It is kind of idyllic. It is a very nice walk up through that woods.

Ellen Hendrickx, 63 Clarewood Drive: I am formally at 136 Circle Drive. Many of you have walked, I would imagine, down where Ferndale dead ends after Circle Drive. There is a stream there and a little bridge over that stream. Steve Shea for many years took it upon himself and trained his son to fix that little bridge any time the slats rotted away. My husband jumped in, and they would trade off the chores. The Sheas recently sold the house and left a lot of planks and instructions for the new owners to follow through. I wanted you to know that these things can go on in perpetuity. It does help to be neighborly.

Mr. Skolnik: I am not clear where, in this new plan, the trail ends up. Is it still the kids come through Uniontown Playground and exit on Rose? Is that it?

Mayor Swiderski: Yes.

Mr. Skolnik: I will repeat the concern I had articulated a couple of meetings ago. I am assuming there is a certain clientele, a certain statistical number of kids.

Mayor Swiderski: Kids were doing this before. It is not a new route.

Mr. Skolnik: That much I understand. The question is whether it is anticipated that the numbers will increase or that the projected safety of those using it is changed. In either case, you seem to have a clearer idea of the usage of this than the point I made earlier about walking up Hillside. What provision are you are taking to facilitate the crossing of High Street and Rose, both in terms of safety in normal weather but also in snow.

Trustee Armacost: High Street. That would be a good place to have a crosswalk.

Mr. Skolnik: The Safety Council will clearly point out that the concern there is that you have cars coming down a hill so they are very reluctant.

Trustee Armacost: Yes, exactly.

Mr. Skolnik: Extending from that, you are taking something that has been a de facto means of transport and you are giving it your imprimatur. The question becomes the liability, especially when you talked about it would be nice have a bridge. Ellen just pointed out that somebody maintains it.

Mayor Swiderski: There is liability insurance for the parks. Use of the parks already are covered for this sort of use and, in the end, people are responsible for their behavior on streets. This is existing behavior that we are trying to ensure is safer than alternate behavior. It does not mean it increases our liability in any way. This does not change things.

Village Attorney Whitehead: The path is on what is already Village property so there would already be a liability issue. The Village owns the property.

Mayor Swiderski: It is already covered.

Mr. Skolnik: So if, as Mr. Gonder pointed out in his concern about kids slipping and sliding.

Mayor Swiderski: Already covered.

Trustee Armacost: Just one question. How do the kids who live on Ronny Circle get there?

Ms. Dimnet: Some of them cut through my yard, and then three doors down.

Trustee Armacost: I see. So they have to cut through someone's garden on Curry Road to get to your garden.

Ms. Dimnet: Correct. I was also told by the Macchis who live on Nepperhan and Curry, that behind that house many years ago there was a cut-through there to hook on and then come up. More Uniontown Woods and then hook up and come up by the batting cages.

Trustee Armacost: That might be worth, at the same time, making sure there is a path that comes up that way, as well.

Ms. Dimnet: Yes, there is that dead end. If you kept going you would hit Farragut. So behind that last house. I went and spoke to them, and they said for years that was how the kids who are now my age-ish went to school. They hooked up and went behind.

Trustee Lemons: So they cut through to Uniontown that way.

Ms. Dimnet: Correct, down from there. I do not have a fence so now they just come up through my yard, and three and four houses down, as well.

Trustee Armacost: Several people who live on Ronny Court have mentioned that their kids have walked down Farragut, which is not at all safe. There is nothing on the side to walk down. So if there is a way to help that group also get there.

Ms. Dimnet: Yes, exactly. Right now they come up my backyard and a few other yards.

Mayor Swiderski: It does not appear that there is more action other than the Parks and Rec Department continuing its efforts to improve this.

Village Manager Frobel: That is all. I had asked Kendra to report to the commission last week, but they did not have quorum so they did not meet. The only remaining issue is the matter of lobbying Greenburgh. Although I had not spoken with any official there, I have it from Mrs. Anderson that Greenburgh wants to link the donation of their land to an easement on her property. Given this, we do not need the town's land. I understand the Andersons are reluctant to grant an easement.

Trustee Lemons: The town should still be encouraged to give it to us.

Village Manager Frobel: I agree. That was my point.

Trustee Lemons: It is of no use and it would be great to have that be contiguous with the park. Nothing is ever going to happen there.

Brendan Maney, 18 Oxford Road: Is the Village still going to request the property from the town?

Mayor Swiderski: Not with the promise of a use of that property for a trail, and not with the offer of an easement. But there is no harm in asking, with the objective of simply annexing it to the park and increasing the size of our parkland a little.

Village Manager Frobel: I will call Tim Lewis tomorrow and convey that.

Trustee Lemons: It would be great to have it be a part of the park. If I were a kid I would have loved to have played around that, and that is all it is good for.

Mayor Swiderski: They do anyway.

Trustee Lemons: Yes, they do anyway. But if it goes to private ownership they might not be able to.

Trustee Apel: And they will not know where the beginning and the end is.

Mr. Maney: And the Village is not requiring an easement on 21 Marianna Drive for this?

Village Manager Frobel: No, there is no need to.

Mr. Maney: Will the no trespassing and no exit to Marianna Drive signs be taken down? That sign right there says no exit to Marianna Drive. I thought there was a trail there for 50 years.

Mayor Swiderski: So take it down.

Trustee Armacost: Yes. If it is private property that is one thing. But if it is no exit and no trespassing on Village property obviously it is inappropriate.

Trustee Walker: But they are cutting across private property in order to get onto Marianna Drive.

Trustee Armacost: So this strip here is private?

Trustee Walker: I am not sure. Is that the strip that is the Andersons?

Mr. Maney: The green, if you are looking at the grass, that is Village property. There is a fence there, which is that tree line to the left.

Trustee Armacost: And then what is on this side?

Mr. Maney: That is Village property. Village property goes right up to the fence.

Trustee Armacost: But then the no-trespass is unnecessary at the bottom.

Mr. Maney: Well, it says no exit to Marianna Drive. You have to go onto 21 Marianna Drive to exit onto Marianna Drive.

Trustee Walker: Why?

Mr. Maney: Because it is a dead end street, and there is a no trespassing sign where you are standing, Kendra.

Mayor Swiderski: So there is some portion of the Anderson's property, but they are not offering and neither are we asking for an easement. Theoretically, down the road if they were to sell their property, it could become an issue. But meanwhile, while the Andersons live there ...

Supt. Garrison: Right. And there is a rumor floating around that they are going to have their property surveyed. So once we see where those stakes lie if that is, in fact, on our property then I do not see why we could not take that down.

Trustee Armacost: I mean, we should know what our property is.

Ms. Dimnet: I am not really clear, though, why the sign and the easement matters. If personal property has already been fenced off, how does that matter to anything going forward to Hastings property, or does it?

Mayor Swiderski: Well, it is not the Hastings property. Part of the property that the kids pass over is the Andersons'.

Ms. Dimnet: I am well aware of that. I do not understand the concern.

Mayor Swiderski: They do not care and we do not care. We are not requiring an easement unlike the town, which did require as part of their deeding of the property if it was to be used for this path. We are not required to do that so it is not an issue.

Ms. Dimnet: I am not clear on what the sign has to do with Hastings property if everybody else's own property is fenced off.

Mayor Swiderski: All right, we can remove that sign.

Trustee Armacost: A sign which is on the edge of public property saying no trespassing does not seem like it has a place there. That should definitely be reviewed and removed. It looks to me as if it is on Village property.. I guess we will know after the survey has been done.

Ms. Dimnet: But does that sign in any way change what is happening.

Mayor Swiderski: It does not.

Ms. Dimnet: OK, that is all I want to know. If everybody's personal property is already fenced off with no trespassing signs on their own personal property this sign that exists on Hastings property should not be an issue for us on our path. Is that correct?

Trustee Armacost: It should not be an issue and it should be removed.

Ms. Dimnet: Perfect. That is all I wanted. Excellent.

Trustee Apel: I would like to recommend that when this is completed that the trailway is sent out to the neighbors so they know this exists. You could have an opening. It is another way of letting them know it is done and completed.

Ms. Linder: Can you just tell us what is the process going forward.

Mayor Swiderski: We are going to ask Parks and Rec to improve the path a little further. It is a done deal, but it is not a done moment. Spring will tell us something about how wet it is there, and we may do further improvements down the road. But for the time being in is basic marking of the path, widening it a bit, putting steps in place to make it easier to climb up.

Ms. Linder: I was just wondering when I can stop being late to work and driving my kid to school.

Mayor Swiderski: Use it today. Nothing stops you from using it today.

3. Downtown Advocate Report – Outlook for 2016

Mayor Swiderski: We have got the retrospective. You are now looking forward.

Downtown Advocate Prisant: Yes, right. You have got the report and I have a couple of updates. May I give an update on something I just confirmed I can share with everyone? The empty space update on my report is already changed. We have news that RiverArts has signed a lease for their first-ever physical office. They were looking in Dobbs Ferry, but I connected them with a landlord in Hastings and they will be opening on Warburton Avenue in a space opposite Antoinette's, which is great for the Village, right next to Family to Family, who also took a space there.

The look ahead. The most important thing I can focus on and I would love your feedback, in 2016 is business development on two fronts. The first is filling empty spaces. We had some successes here with Penny Lick and now with two non-profits. That is where I would like to place a large amount of my focus. The thing that is interesting to me is, a year into the position people are discovering me, lot of people approaching me with their business ideas or connecting me to people they have heard might want to open a new business or second restaurant, et cetera. I have gotten to know some of the landlords and continue to do that. That of picking up speed of its own volition.

Trustee Walker: Yes, and she is being modest. It is really picking up speed. She is a networker extraordinaire.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: Family to Family called looking for a space and I was able to turn on a dime. I had already built a relationship with that landlord so I was able to make a phone call right away for them when they were in a jam looking for a temporary space, which then turned into a permanent space. Those landlords are interested in other properties so one thing leads to another.

We all know about Food Town so that is good news that that is over. We had been courting other supermarkets, but they got that in the bankruptcy court. Do you know, Linda, if it has been like approved by the bankruptcy judge?

Village Attorney Whitehead: They had not closed as of last week and there seemed to be a holdup. I have not been able to get more information.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: OK, so it is not definite, and no one else has the opportunity to do anything about it at this point, right, until we see what happens? There were other interested parties. If it were to fall through, then we would take it from there if we have any input at that point. But I do not know.

The Prime landlord and I have met and I have connected with him. He is quite amenable to finding a restaurant or business, but I guess a restaurant, that will be a great fit for the Village and have longevity. Towards that end, he has been very accommodating in terms of potential tenants, willing to subdivide and work with them on a plan that would be successful. There is someone who is extremely interested in the space and has been looking more than once. I continue to work that from both angles and I hope that one of these comes to fruition soon. So stay tuned for that and it could be a wonderful thing for us.

The Manor Market building was purchased by Alex of Juniper's family. He has said it is OK to share with you that he is planning to open a taqueria in that space. He is testing the recipes now and working on that as a possible solution. He said anything can change, but that is his plan at the moment. So there could be two new restaurants in town, he thinks maybe even by this summer for that space.

Old Chelsea's Closet space on Warburton was close to signing a lease but has not, so that is still available. The Gem Cone space and the French Press space are still available. But even tomorrow, for example, I have a meeting with a restaurateur I have been connected with in a different village who would like to expand and talk to me about our village.

Business development on two fronts. One, the empty spaces. We discussed also on that front surveying the residents in terms of what kinds of businesses they might like to see here

and maybe some other topics to get feedback which would help us attract businesses and be targeting things that will be successful here based on demand. Might be time to do that again, so that is another initiative. For the current businesses, business development involving a brochure and a map of the downtown that we are working on. Continued focus on the promotions that we have done for the holidays, et cetera, that have been successful. I am meeting with the merchants this Thursday and we will be in an ongoing dialogue about some new initiatives. I will share two of them. I would like your feedback now or another time.

One is to have a weekend that focuses on downtown physical improvements the way we have the Village-wide cleanup the third weekend in April. I have spoken to Lisa about that date. This year it is April 23, and we discussed the idea of the following week like a spring cleaning on two levels. One, the Village-wide cleanup and then a day or two-day period on a weekend following where all kinds of other beautification projects or physical improvement projects could happen. We could discuss as a group power washing or renting certain machines that we do not always have like a gum cleaning machine. Then stores, talking to the business owners and seeing if they like this idea of signing up for things they want to do on that day, whether it is repainting the façade or updating their window, planting flowers. We could have a Village signup of volunteers that we could partner with the shops and have a combination of private-public projects going on. That is one idea that I am floating as a focus. It would take time and energy, we would need to get volunteers.

Another would be, and there has been talk of this, bringing back the Spring Thing which was an event that was quite beloved here and has not happened in a few years. It would require some planning and budgeting. Perhaps instead of either the May or the June Friday Night Live. It does require closing the streets on either a Saturday or a Sunday, but we could bring it back better than ever and it might be a nice thing for the business community. It would not exactly be like doing a Ferry Fest, for example, and it might not be exactly like the Spring Thing was, but there are ways to maybe make it uniquely Hastings and make it an attraction. Those are some of the main things, and there are others: social media posts profiling businesses, that I would like to continue. But I do not want to spread myself too thin so those are couple of the main things. Focusing on filling spaces and a couple of new initiatives that improve the look of the downtown and support the businesses that are here.

Then on the event front, we will need to focus on fund-raising if we are going to continue Friday Night Live, which it seems people want. That is another thing that is up for discussion, in which case there would be about four of them on top of this potential spring thing, plus Friday Night Dead. The other two things are the survey I mentioned and volunteer recruitment to do these things effectively. I cannot spearhead them all myself and do them all myself. We can do this with a survey to also find people that are willing to help

with these events, help with fund-raising. Some have been raising their hands just because you e-mailed the Downtown Advocate report. Over time, people are reaching out. That is a quick peek at what I am thinking about. Any thoughts?

Trustee Walker: It sounds really good. What you are able to do now is, on two fronts, expand your capacity by getting the merchants involved, which is terrific. If we can get some more volunteers involved, we will be able to extend your work further. I am wondering if we can, very soon, perhaps in conjunction with a Downtown Collaborative meeting, which we have not had this year yet, do a letter out to the Village to look for volunteers and invite them to come to a Downtown Collaborative meeting and organize teams or committees of people who are interested in working on these efforts. We need doers.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: It does not have to be a huge commitment. One resident was quite lovely. He came to a Downtown Collaborative meeting for the first time at the last meeting and had an idea for a business he would love to see open here, a restaurant he loves. He wrote to the restaurant owner, connected the restaurant owner to me and then we began a dialogue which resulted in connecting him with the landlord. It does not look like that will come to fruition, but it could have. It multiplies my ability to be effective if people will help make some of those connections. I am happy to run with them and stay in a dialogue, or involve the person as much as they would like. It could be that easy sometimes.

Trustee Armacost: The networking that you have been able to do behind the scenes has really helped with some of these buildings and storefronts being filled in. I know there is still despondency. People still see the empty spaces, and Hastings House stands out as a place which is in such a central, pivotal role. If that were filled it would change the whole atmosphere. I wondered if you had heard anything about that or if anyone else has that might indicate that there is progress there.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: I know that the owners went before the Planning Board or might have been ARB in August. I just spoke to Christina Griffin asking her the same question because she was the architect involved with the owners. She mentioned progress in December, some movement that was made in a similar vein, with the idea that when it was on the market it had not sold because it needed so much work and approvals and whatnot and they were proceeding with some of that now. Whether it is to ultimately own the buildings because it is off the market, to put it back on and sell it, or whether they are going to parcel it out and then be the landlord of the main level I do not know and she does not know either. I have had a landlord say to me they would love to see the building, someone that owns other buildings. I have heard that there are realtors that have reached out to the owner that might have potential buyers, and even downtown residents who have reached out to me. I know of

at least three people who would like to see the building, one personally and two through other people. She has written to the owners again this week to see where they are, and I have not heard back yet. That was just a few days ago.

I did have a meeting with someone who had a brilliant vision for what to do with the commercial space on the main level. Through the course of all these conversations I am having with people who would open businesses here, a lot of them would love to see that space. So I do not think we will have a problem having a terrific business on the main level once we can do something about it. But my hands are tied until that point. I am still networking for the future.

I know that with that empty building in the middle of town and the current lack of a supermarket and a few of the empty spaces that some people have raised a red flag or think there is reason to be concerned. I am not saying there is not, but because I am behind the scenes talking to so many people that are really interested in having businesses here but maybe the exact right space with a kitchen or what they need or the size is not available right now. I see a time when A&P will be a new supermarket. Once that building does move forward we will have something in the center of town again. I think we are going to have very few empty spaces soon. I am feeling very positively, but it is probably because of all the conversations that are going on. I want other people to have some hope, as well, because it is going to be good.

Trustee Apel: Maybe you could talk to the landlord there. They put the decoration on, I think it was for the parade, the red, white and blue.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: Lisa in the Rec Department did that.

Trustee Apel: If they could put up some other things like that there, it was very cheerful, it was very nice to walk by. Then you do not notice that the building is necessarily empty, but the color was there and it fills in that corner. Maybe the Arts Council.

Trustee Armacost: That was Liz Liebeskind who painted the original stained glass feeling.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: She did do that, and then Lisa decorated for the Memorial Day parade and left it up because she thought it looked good, and it did. Some people have commented on that, too. That is something we can do without the owner's permission. It would be quite easy to gather some support and do that. I will look into it.

Trustee Armacost: I had a walk through the Village just before Christmas with Richard Bass. He gave me his private tour of the Village, which was quite interesting.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: I did that, too.

Trustee Armacost: He had some ideas about various things, including making the crosswalks more visible. It was at night so it was quite difficult to see them. Using fluorescent lights, very simple inexpensive things. And some traffic calming using rumble strips rather than bumps. We walked past the hardware store into Boulanger Plaza. He said there used to be a mural there and it was quite a fun mural. It may be time to invite the arts students at the school or whoever it would be. He had a number of other ideas, Fran, about lights and things that I passed to you. If anyone wants to do a tour with Richard Bass I highly recommend it. It was very educational for me.

Downtown Advocate Prisament: I did the same walk with him and he said he would love to take the Board on a tour if everyone wanted to. He also mentioned lighting in that corridor by the mural. We did look into that. It did not come to pass that we did a mural last year, but we did look into it with the owners. Katy Reidy just reached out to me, she was the artist that painted the last one, and said we would like to re-approach them and see if they might be open to it. If they are amenable, or if not if there is another spot in town, could be to do it on that weekend where the whole downtown comes alive over these two weekends. It gets really cleaned up and then some changes and improvements kick in, and we all feel that right at the beginning of spring. Then it could be followed by a Spring Thing or not, but we will see if people want that, a couple weeks later. It could be a very nice way to launch the spring.

4. Comprehensive Plan – Accomplishments to Date and Recommendations for Study of Parks and Infrastructure/ Buildings

Mr. Metzger: Just as a personal note, the first thing we had on this was the Downtown Advocate hired October 2014. If anybody just watched the presentation I hope they understand why we thought it was a good idea in the Comprehensive Plan. Ultimately the fruition of that whole thought process came through. When I see the energy that is being brought by one person to bring all these other people together in the Village, how many years have we said omigod the empty stores? Here is someone who is putting the people together to fill those empty stores. That is what the vision of the Downtown Advocate was. I want to thank Barbara for doing that and I want to thank this board for realizing that sometimes you have to spend money to improve the Village. That is a key thing and I am glad we did that.

Now on to the review. This is the updated Comprehensive Plan as of January 2016. I want to thank Susan and Marge. The three of us get together about every six months to go through the plan and look at the issues that have been dealt with in the Village, and how they refer

back to the Comprehensive Plan. The first thing we have is to retain and strengthen calendar of events. We had our third Destination Hastings downtown crawl in December of this year which was yet another successful method of bringing people into the downtown and introducing them to restaurants they might not otherwise have gone to.

One of the big issues we dealt with, and was one of the things we asked this board to deal with five years ago, got dealt with: adopted cluster zoning law in January of 2016 to protect the southern gateways. This was critically important to maintain the composition and vision of what we have and what this village is, and how we differ from some of our neighboring villages. The deer management program continues into 2016. We know this is a long-term effort that is going to take time to look at the metrics and find out how it comes to fruition. We had a lot of work on parks this year. There was an upgrade to the Reynolds Field playground, with a lot of people involved personally. The Village was involved, I was personally involved, the Mayor was there. It was an incredibly exciting couple of days to be part of beautifying and improving the Village that way and saving us some money. There was tree replacement in Zinsser Park, again a public outpouring for how to protect valuable assets in the Village.

A cleanup and discussion has begun of the future use of Riverview Park. We discussed that earlier tonight. It is a park that has been not neglected, but not necessarily brought up to modern standards. That part of the Village has changed. There are a lot of young families. Then the walkway to Sugar Pond was improved by an Eagle Scout volunteer. Again, individuals in this village making a huge difference for all of us. Specific objectives for the waterfront. We negotiated and updated the consent decree for the waterfront cleanup. Obviously there are going to be a few further discussions on that, but it is an exciting moment in the Village that has been a long time coming.

The other exciting thing which is coming up is that a grant was received and a committee is in the process of being formed to study the waterfront shoreline design. Similar to what we have for looking at the infrastructure on the waterfront, we are now going to be looking at how the land and water are going to interface. Hopefully, BP will enable some of that construction to underlie the cleanup they are doing, and that way we can get a step forward when the cleanup is completed and we can realize as a village what that waterfront can be.

Improving pedestrian connections. The sidewalk on Hillside from Rosedale to Farlane, there was an approved charge to the Transportation and Circulation Committee which, hopefully, will be overseeing a lot of these projects and doing the heavy lifting for the Board.

Mayor Swiderski: We are going to be selecting that next Board meeting.

Mr. Metzger: Implementing traffic calming measures, authorized engineering review of entire road network to better prioritize repair and ran a successful pilot contracting program with the pothole killer truck. Encourage sustainable design and construction, the conversion to LED street lighting is almost completed. There are a few more issues to be dealt with but, again, saving the Village money. Reduce energy consumption. One of our new Trustees is taking this on. He is a member of Sustainable Westchester. We participated in the Solarize campaign and Community Choice Aggregation program. We are looking to move the Village into the 21st century and generate energy off the grid. The aggregation program, Village-wide, means to leverage lower prices for energy in the Village. Solarize the additional issue

The development on 9-A has started, and that will include 12 units of affordable housing. So we are taking the lead, certainly in this area of Westchester, in providing affordable housing for current and future residents. A building permit was issued for two new units of affordable housing at 190 Farragut Avenue. Our Affordable Housing Committee fought long and hard to make that happen. This is another great thing for the Village that we can have everybody who wants to live here have the ability to do that.

We have enhanced opportunities for seniors with the new senior brochure, prepared by the Senior Citizen Advisory Council, to inform our senior citizens on how they can be able to continue to afford to live here. I do not know that we included this, and I do not know if it was in a former study, that we have a new senior citizen bus. I do not remember if we put that in or not, but it is popping into my head now and if we did not we will add it to the list for next time. Interestingly, not everything in the Comprehensive Plan came to fruition, but it was an important exercise. I am talking about the study we did with Dobbs Ferry for consolidation of the DPW. It was done, and ultimately turned out the financial benefit did not provide enough incentive for us to do this. There were questions that came up about the ability of individual villages to maintain their DPWs, to maintain their volunteer corps of firefighters. We did the study, we came to a decision

Some of these things show up in more than one area. The fact that we have a grant and a committee being formed to study the waterfront shoreline design is going to be the next critically exciting and important design aspect to happen in the Village. We funded a pumper engine for Protection Company. Every one of our firefighters is a volunteer. If you have spent time with them, they are an absolutely incredible and dedicated group of people. Anybody that volunteers to get out of bed at 2 o'clock in the morning when an alarm goes off to rush to a potential burning building or a gas leak is OK in my book. We need to make sure they are properly funded and have the correct equipment to do their job.

Last but not least, the Arts Commission continues to provide public art. We have new sculpture exhibits going up periodically, as Barbara talked about before. There is a potential for new art in the Village on the wall next to Hastings Paint. These are things that keep the Village vibrant and looking good, and it is things that people feel better. When you feel better about the Village, you are likely to participate, let your voice be heard, and volunteer to make things even better.

That concludes 2016. We are talking about two new things, and I may defer to Trustee Apel to discuss this, a study for parks and infrastructure of buildings. Parks are becoming a bigger issue in the Village. We have more young families moving in, parks are receiving heavier use. We feel probably, when we do the update of the Comprehensive Plan, that we may want to have a section devoted to parkland and how parkland in the Village gets addressed on a bigger picture. We need to make sure we have an overall perspective, as Mr. Skolnik has said. Let us look at the metrics of how these things are going to work and make sure we are putting parks where they need to be, and renovating the parks that need to be renovated.

Then on infrastructure and buildings, we should have an inventory of all the structures that belong to the Village. That includes buildings and roadways and bridges. We need that because as the Village develops and builds out we want to make sure we have a handle on what the implications are of any development that happens to our buildings and to future development in the Village, and how that all interacts. As an example, a question came up in this new path for Marianna Drive. Where does the Village property begin and end down there? As an architect, the first thing I tell my clients is get a survey. You need to know exactly where your property is so you are not impinging on your neighbor. You do not want to build a driveway and find out 10 years down the road that a foot of that driveway belongs to your neighbor because you built it on their property. We should have a full survey of this village. It would probably be an expensive process and should take place over a number of years, maybe on a project by project basis. But the Village should have a legal definition, metes, bounds, and a physical survey of what we own so when we are discussing issues that involve the Village we know exactly where we are.

Trustee Apel: Thank you. As far as the recommendations of the two things that have been brought up, the recommendation would be to have a report from the Parks Department as to all the parks we have, what they are used for and what the expenses are, and what the projection is for future use and what that may cost us. You often hear Kendra's comments of, this team wants to go here and they want go there. But if we had a better picture of all the places we have, and thinking about, obviously, the waterfront and possible uses down there, at least we have an idea of the entire Village.

Mayor Swiderski: Overall strategy. A parks master plan.

Trustee Apel: That would be very important if we can get that done. The other thing with the buildings, we have a buildings that over time we know that there are going to be repairs or problems. We know what we have, what is in this building, but is this going to hold for the future, is this what we need. We have a community center. Maybe it would be decided that we need something else or we need a different type of building. Maybe the Village would decide it wants to do something on the waterfront, or to change the use of one building. I suggest we have a report, to start with, from the Parks Department and a report from the Village Manager of all the buildings and things we own and what they are used for, and also what ideas and projections we may have in size and space. You probably know already in terms of repairs and costs and, at some point, would there be changes. Once we have those reports, then you decide whether we want a committee to start looking at these issues to see what the community wants to do in the future. Those are two additional things that have come up in the Implementation Committee and with other people about what the Comprehensive Plan was not missing, but was the next step we need to follow through. I would recommend we start working on those two things.

Trustee Armacost: Can we react to Jim's report?

Trustee Apel: You can also react to Jim's report. The last time we looked at this was July, so these were things we reported on since then. This report should be online, right?

Mr. Metzger: Susan would be able to answer that, but I believe it should be online.

Trustee Armacost: There may be a couple more things we could add if it is not already posted, or if it is posted. For example, the reserve fund is up since the amount that has been posted here. The audit came in in September. We can add 2015 and add the new reserve fund amount, which is up near \$1.3 to \$1.4 million. Also, the fact that people got tax credits because we stayed under the 2 percent cap is an important addition. The Marianna Drive walkway has theoretically happened within this time period, so that could perhaps be added. It is a great set of accomplishments by a broad range of people both within the Village and volunteers. That should definitely be lauded and celebrated by all of us. Special thanks to Jim for herding the cats on this.

Mayor Swiderski: A couple of were important, specifically the cluster zoning overlay because it came directly out of the Comprehensive Plan. Both the Downtown Advocate and that were explicitly there, and because it was there it triggered an action. That is cool. This is not a document that was shelfware. I have been a consultant, and a lot of your documents land up as shelfware.

Mr. Metzger: When the group was originally formed and we were talking about how we all came together with an incredibly disparate group of people, we understood the Trustees who put this together, Diggitt McLaughlin and Danielle Goodman, were interviewing all the people that signed up to be volunteers on this committee. Their overriding goal was to find people who were passionate about the Village and they felt could work well together. Ultimately, that is the group of people we had. It was extraordinary. You start out and you do not know where you are going to go with this thing. There was a group of people before that that looked at other comprehensive plans. Most of them tend to be fairly focused; we want a comprehensive plan on the downtown or on streets and roads and whatever. We took on the big project and had a great consultant, an incredible chairperson, Kathy Sullivan, and had a lot of meetings.

When this board talks about starting a new group I always get up and say we got to have a lot of meetings because nothing brings information to your group, to the Trustees, like people showing up and being heard. Some of the things are people having an individual problem. You cannot address every individual problem, we know that. But there are people that talk about big issues and those are the things we can look at. When we can figure out a way to codify and identify those issues we can then find solutions to them. They do not happen overnight, not everybody is happy with every solution. Pretty much everything is a compromise. But ultimately, when you have a path forward, which is what this comprehensive plan has done for the Village, it makes it easier for everybody after that to figure out the mission and to move forward with it. It was a great process three years ago, and I am looking forward to it being a great update process in the near future.

Trustee Armacost: I was trying to get somebody to join one of the boards and commissions and relative to the Comprehensive Plan the person asked what has been accomplished? I said it is on this list that it is going to be updated and posted, but off the top of my head I would say probably about 80 percent of what was in the Comprehensive Plan had been accomplished in some form. What do you think of that estimate? Another way of asking the question is, what is missing, what did we want to have that we have not done.

Mr. Metzger: I am not prepared to answer that tonight. But I will say the question is somewhat similar to the question you asked when you asked our follow-up group to the Comp Plan Committee, the Implementation Committee, to prioritize the Comprehensive Plan. The problem becomes that it is a comprehensive plan and things are interrelated. So you could say we have solved this problem but that problem is related to two, three, four, five other things. We are going to be looking at roadways and one of the things we have been talking about for years is access to the waterfront. We can get a group together and identify the issues with the roadways, but then we have to discuss the issues with access to the waterfront and how does that reflect back on the existing roadways. So it is a little hard

to put a percentage on it. I am not sure I would say it is 80 percent, but I would say we are probably close to that. The big issues like the Downtown Advocate, the cluster zoning, Waterfront Infrastructure Committee, the consent decree were all huge things that have been going on in the Village for decades. We are moving forward on these things. This is due to the board that sits here. I am not brownnosing people No, this is a board that is getting things done. Again, not everybody is happy with every decision. Show up and let your voice be heard. That is how things move forward. This board has been incredibly active. All of the other boards and committees like our Planning Board have been doing extraordinary work. Our Zoning Board, the Conservation Commission, the Affordable Housing Committee.

Mayor Swiderski: This is where the music begins to surge?

Mr. Metzger: Absolutely. Glenn Frey died today so maybe it is appropriate we talk about the music that is lost and the music we should be playing. But that is what makes this village function. People that sit home and write things on their computer with righteous indignation, and this is my own personal statement that has nothing to do with the Village, show up to a meeting. Sitting out there and screaming into the wind is not going to accomplish anything. Volunteering and doing the hard work really will.

Mayor Swiderski: Or alternately, put yourself up and run for Trustee. Apparently the Republican caucus has come to a conclusion and Davey Jackowe will be their candidate for trustee and Joe Scarglato for judge. So we have a contested judicial election for the first time in a long while, and at least three members running for Trustee.

Trustee Apel: I am sorry, we are not finished. My question is, with those recommendations what are we going to do about them?

Mayor Swiderski: On the recreation inventory and plan, the plan is a much bigger deal than inventory. I am going to suggest that after the election, whoever is fortunate enough to sit in your seat have that as one of the things they tackle working with the Parks and Rec is the master plan and working off the inventory that already exists. On the inventory of Village structures ...

Village Manager Frobel: Yes, we have a good inventory. Sure, that is what we build from.

Mayor Swiderski: So we can share that and begin to think what we can do with that.

Trustee Apel: Right, and then move from there. That would important to know what is happening next, the next steps.

Trustee Walker: I wanted to reiterate the bigger picture. You are recommending that it not be a general update as we have discussed in the past, but a focused update, which I am in complete agreement with because we have a number of other committees that are still working or have not even been formed yet to implement a couple more items in the Comprehensive Plan, specifically our Transportation Committee and a future Waterfront Shoreline Committee. Those are a couple of things that we are still working on from the Comp Plan. The point is that we would not appoint a Comp Plan Committee to update everything. We are going to look for people with specific skills to focus on specific issues.

Trustee Apel: My recommendation is, because we have a big focus on the shoreline now, we should deal with that committee first and have these two other committees. But after the shoreline, which is going to be a big committee, is discussed, then at that point we should move towards a review of the Comp Plan. I have gone through the Comp Plan to find the areas we have not gone over. I am not going to present them tonight. I can share them, but some of them will be resolved because we are going to have a Circulation Committee, we are going to have some of these things anyway. There are some that are huge issues. There are issues that we have discussed for years like parking and parking structures and buildings. That discussion will never end.

There are some that we did not tackle maybe because we had other issues so they were not in the pecking order. And there are things that are left, and that is really what that committee should be doing. I am happy to share what I have found. That committee would also say, OK, we did not do these, we do not need to do those, and now we should move on and do the following. But as long as we still have these other big issues like the shoreline and the waterfront we should focus on those first, and then after that go for reviewing the Comp Plan and moving forward. Hopefully people will be interested in the Shoreline Committee and the waterfront, and that will get them more excited about the Comp Plan. We fought for years to have it, so we have a personal interest in it. There are lots of new people in the community that have just taken it for granted that there is such a thing. But we want them to become excited and look around the community and evaluate what has been happening and what else they would like to go forward with. That is something that is a future thing. But just because we have a long list of things does not mean we should not take a look anyway just to see if there are other things we are missing.

Trustee Walker: Good point.

Trustee Apel: We did find these two areas that we did not want to wait for a committee to come up with.

Trustee Lemons: But it sounds like what you are saying is the Comp Plan is still providing an adequate framework for these individual focused efforts.

Trustee Apel: It certainly does. And even though we have a list of accomplishments, that does not mean someone else does not come up with something else to fit in that category. There are things that are going on. These were the basics so I think we should run with it and keep going. But I would hope other people would come forward and be just as excited as we are and say, hey, this is a great idea.

Trustee Armacost: We have been asking people if they wanted to be part of the new Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. It sounds as if there is a movement to holding off on constituting that committee until later in the year. Am I hearing everyone correctly?

Mayor Swiderski: Yes.

Trustee Apel: I think so.

Trustee Walker: Yes.

Trustee Armacost: What we should do then from a process point of view is hold all of those CVs. I will communicate to the people who have shown an interest and hold those CVs, and let them know that when the committee gets revamped we will ask whether they still have an interest at that point. Does that seem like a good way to move?

Mayor Swiderski: Yes.

Trustee Apel: They may decide that they are interested in the Shoreline Committee.

Trustee Armacost: Exactly, and it would be unfair to tie them to one or the other, or overburden people by being on both. So I will also mention that.

Trustee Walker: Can we put on the next agenda a discussion of the Shoreline Committee? Is the timing OK on that?

Mayor Swiderski: It is needed.

Trustee Walker: I wanted to report that I reached out to Scenic Hudson and especially Sacha Spector, who has been working with a number of communities on the Hudson River, to look at their shorelines relative to climate change and resiliency and how to retrofit them or redesign them so they will not be as readily flooded or destroyed. That is one aspect of

what we are going to be looking at, but we are also looking at recreational uses and esplanade trail and water access. Sacha Spector recognizes that we have a number of things. Apparently Scenic Hudson has some funds to help communities on the Hudson with these issues. He was going to check in with his colleagues this week and see what kind of funding they have. They may be able to give us technical assistance for free. Now, not promising anything. And they also work closely with the DEC Estuary program. We might be able to get several of these people here, once we have a committee constituted, to kick off discussion about how we want to go forward. We are also working on the contract with the state. As I understand it and I have not checked up on this yet, that since we received the award we got a note from the DEC that we could start work at any time.

Village Manager Frobel: Well, no. Technically you can, but there is the risk and, in fact, the grant writer cautioned us on this, that you may not get reimbursed for your expenses until you have that contract.

Trustee Walker: But we can start talking.

Mayor Swiderski: It is not a risk that we will lose money. It is a risk that we may have to carry the expense, pay a contractor, and wait a few months before we finally get reimbursed.

Trustee Walker: That is a risk we take anyway. It is something else.

Trustee Armacost: But it depends whether it retroactive. If it is expenses as of signing, then we do lose that money.

Village Manager Frobel: Right, that is the risk. If you upfront the money prior to a contract in place you run the risk of not being reimbursed.

Trustee Walker: Except I was reading the note from Susan Pepe at the DEC, and she said you can spend the money as of the award. That is not always the case.

Trustee Lemons: They call it pre-award cost, and often that is the case.

Trustee Walker: But that is what want to check.

Village Manager Frobel: I am comfortable with Fiona's opinion on that. She has been an administrator quite a while.

Trustee Walker: We can talk to the DEC and find out because some agencies are different than others. But it is t a matter of we do not want to wait six months to get a contract.

Mayor Swiderski: We cannot.

Trustee Walker: That is the thing, we have to start right away.

Village Manager Frobel: WE have impressed that upon the DEC. They know we have some urgency. But your thought is not to move with Louis Berger, right? Do you not have some concerns?

Trustee Walker: We are talking about an \$80,000 budget potentially.

Village Manager Frobel: The grant was \$42,000.

Trustee Walker: Right, but it has to be matched, does it not?

Village Manager Frobel: Fifteen percent.

Trustee Walker: It is \$48,000. It seems to me we may want to interview several potential consultants, and we may want to issue an RFP. We need to discuss that.

Village Manager Frobel: That will take some time, if we have the committee and then the RFP.

Trustee Walker: This is important and there are really good people out there. I would not want to skimp on quality.

Village Manager Frobel: They did that study for you in 2014, the shoreline.

Mayor Swiderski: Time is ticking, so let us start laying it out next meeting..

Trustee Walker: This is about landscape architecture design and marine engineering. It is not just about looking at the sea level rise issue.

Mayor Swiderski: No doubt, but I am just saying it is on a tight time schedule. There is no six-month horizon.

Trustee Walker: Yes, I understand. How do others feel about going out to bid or interviewing other consultants?

Trustee Armacost: It is obviously a great idea to do that. The only concern Fran is raising, is we want to make sure what the date is before which costs will be incurred. That should not take too long to work that out, and then the decision can be made on what can happen after that. But I agree with Fran. We do not want to incur a bunch of costs that do not get covered unless we can count them towards our cost share.

Trustee Walker: I am talking more about interviewing a wider range of consultants.

Trustee Lemons: As soon as possible.

Trustee Armacost: That does not involve cost. That is Village staff and f Board time.

Trustee Walker: It will be good to have a committee in place to do those things.

Trustee Armacost: That is not going to happen until at least two weeks. But in preparation for the next meeting, because I understand the urgency on this, we should come to that meeting with some homework done on preparing our views.

Mayor Swiderski: Understanding what the DEC's requirements are.

Trustee Armacost: Yes, and our views. Whatever we think is going to be the output of that meeting, we should have come with some thoughts on it in advance. And if people have some ideas it would be quite useful to have some of those circulated.

Trustee Walker: Ideas about?

Trustee Armacost: The things you think the rest of us should share. Like if there is a document, Meg, that you think is a seminal piece that all of us should have read.

Village Manager Frobel: That February 2014 report that Louis Berger did on shoreline stabilization, soft shoreline was a pretty good report, and that served as the basis for the estuary grant. I can circulate that.

Trustee Armacost: And can you recirculate the grant that we proposed and won.

Mr. Metzger: I would just like to reiterate that we have to provide the vision that is going to overlay the technical aspects of what has to happen on this waterfront. If we do not have a big vision we are going to leave this village with a pedestrian waterfront. No matter how great the view is, people are going to say they could have done so much more. I want to

make sure we go in with the so much more and figure out how to get everything else to make that happen.

Village Manager Frobel: We need to have our calendar set for the next several months. You will get the budget from me on March 15. Between March 15 and April 29 is when we typically hold our work sessions. I penciled in the public hearing on April 6.

Trustee Armacost: What we have done in the past, and not all of us have been able to make all of the meetings, is take the Tuesday which was not the Trustee meeting and pencil it in as a meeting with the department heads. I have tried to encourage doing them earlier so we are not stuck at the last minute. If there is something controversial that comes up we have some time to have non-team meetings. We have canceled some of them where we felt it was not necessary. How many meetings do you think we need with the department heads, Fran? Is it enough to have two meetings?

Village Manager Frobel: That is what you have done in the past. Two is fine, we get everybody in. And a third meeting among ourselves.

[Discussion of dates]

The following schedule was agreed upon:

Tuesday, Mar. 29 – budget work session

Tuesday, Apr. 5 – organizational meeting, regular meeting, budget work session

Wednesday, Apr. 6 – public hearing on budget

Tuesday, Apr. 12 – budget work session

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:45 p.m.